

In Accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-11.2
the Department of Environmental Management is

PUBLIC NOTICING THE RECEIPT OF

an Antidegradation Demonstration required by 327 IAC 5-2-11.3

Public Notice Issued on: November 8, 2000

Public Notice No. 11-A-AD

Permit No.: IN0060861

Name and Address of Applicant:

Duneland School Corporation
700 W. Porter Ave.
Chesterton, IN 46304

Location Where Discharge Occurs:

Liberty Elementary School
50-1 W. 900 North
Chesterton, IN 46304

I. Type of Application

The Duneland School Corporation in Chesterton, Indiana, submitted an application and an antidegradation demonstration to discharge approximately 27,000 gallons per day of filter backwash and zeolite softener waste water, two to three times weekly, from the Liberty Elementary School's water treatment facility. An antidegradation demonstration is required pursuant to the procedures outlined in 327 IAC 5-2-11.3 and is public noticed pursuant to 327 IAC 5-2-11.2.

II. Location of Discharge

The proposed discharge from this facility will be to Daman Ditch in Porter County.

III. Facility Operations

The treatment used to purify the groundwater used for the Liberty Elementary School's drinking water supply will result in the generation of backwash water and zeolite softener waste. There is no proposed treatment of the wastewater prior to its discharge. The applicant proposes to discharge the effluent to a water of the state.

IV. Antidegradation Demonstration

The Duneland School Corporation submitted an antidegradation demonstration for the discharge of backwash wastewater and zeolite softener waste from the Liberty Elementary School on October 12, 2000. This demonstration was prepared for the discharge of chloride to a water of the state within the Great Lakes system in Porter County.

V. IDEM Contact Person

Mr. Bill Stenner
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VI. Comments and Public Meeting Request

Written comments or a request for a public meeting related to this antidegradation demonstration should be submitted in person or received by mail no later than 30 days after the date of this notice. Any interested person can request a public meeting to be held on this demonstration. If a public meeting is requested, a public meeting will be public noticed and held in the area in which the discharge occurs. Comments or a request for a public meeting shall be submitted to the IDEM Contact Person listed above. The request for a public meeting must be submitted, either in writing or in person, within thirty (30) days of this public notice date. If the comments or request is by mail, it must be postmarked within thirty days of this public notice date. All comments and requests postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of this notice will be considered in the formulation of the final determination.

VII. Availability of Additional Information

The application, antidegradation demonstration, comments received, and any other information are on file and may be inspected in Room N1255, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, at any time between 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of this Public Notice and any information the proposed permit are available at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. All of these documents may be copied at a cost of 10¢ per page. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

All written comments received will be considered in the evaluation of this demonstration. A tentative decision related to this demonstration will be made in accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-11.3 (b)(5), and 327 IAC 5-2-11.3 (b)(6), and such decision will be incorporated into the draft permit. The draft permit will be public noticed and effected parties will have the opportunity to comment or request a public hearing. A final antidegradation decision shall be incorporated into the final permit and into the fact sheet of a final NPDES permit.